

CONGRESSMAN BOUCHER SECURES \$606,000 FEDERAL LOAN TO IMPROVE WASTEWATER SERVICE IN MARION

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Federal Funds Will Enable Improvements to Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Currently, the Town of Marion's wastewater treatment plant provides wastewater service for 17.8 percent of Smyth County's residents and businesses, including Adwolfe, Atkins and the County's industrial park. With the benefit of the federal funds, the UV lights, which kill E-Coli and other bacteria, will be replaced. In addition, three variable speed control drives on influent sewer pumps will be replaced as well as the laboratory roof. This is the first significant upgrade of the

wastewater facility in 17 years.

“Adequate and reliable public wastewater service is essential to maintaining Southwest Virginia’s excellent quality of life and to achieving our economic development goals for the region. Today’s announcement will enable improvements to Marion’s wastewater treatment plant that will enable it to provide better wastewater services and accommodate future business and residential growth in the County ,” Boucher concluded.

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